

# THE SPEECH

Of His Excellency

Henry Lord Viscount SYDNEY,

Lord Lieutenant of

## IRELAND.

To Both

Houses of Parliament Assembled at DUBLIN.

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*My Lords and Gentlemen,*

I Received Their Majesties Commands, immediately upon my Arrival, to call this Parliament, as the greatest Demonstration Their Majesties could give of Their Affection to you, who, after having suffered so many great Oppressions, during the late Revolution, almost to an utter Desolation of the Country, can no way be so well restored to any degree of Settlement, as by a Parliament thus legally Constituted and Assembled, which I must observe is a Blessing that for many Years you have been deprived of, whereby the English Interest has been exposed to apparent Danger of losing, not only their Religion, but all that Property which with so great Expence of Blood and Treasure they had purchased.

This Privilege of Meeting in Parliament, being thus restored by Their Majesties great Goodness, it cannot be doubted but you will make use of it to pass such Laws, as now are, or hereafter shall be, transmitted to you, as may tend to the firm Settlement of this Country upon a Protestant Interest.

The King is so much the more intent upon this great work, having been here Himself a Witness, with great Compassion, of the Miseries you were all involv'd in, when another Party prevailed, and you may therefore easily imagine, it will be a more than ordinary Satisfaction to His Majesty to see this Kingdom once again established in Peace and Prosperity, because, by his Personal Valour and Conduct, He had so Great and Glorious a Part in Relieving you from the Calamities under which you then laboured: And Their Majesties being in their own Royal Judgments, satisfied, that a Countrey so fertile by Nature, and so advantageously situated for Trade and Navigation, can want nothing but the Blessing of a Peace, and the help of some good Laws, to make it as Rich and Flourishing